Orissa and West Bengal for Shrimp Farming;

(ii) development of about 45000 ha. small reservoirs in Andhra Pradesh, Orissa and Uttar Pradesh and about 6000 ha. Ox-bow lakes in Bihar, Uttar Pradesh and West Bengal for Fish Farming;

at an estimated cost of Rs. 273 crore. The project will be negotiated with World Bank for approval during the last week of November, 1991.

(d) This project does not cover Madhya Pradesh.

Youth camp at Aizawal, Mizoram

153. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Youth Hostels Association of India recently organised a youth camp at Aizawal, Mizoram to enable the participants know the Mizo way of life; and

(b) if so, whether Government propose to organise more youth camps from various Universities/Colleges places in various parts of the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DEPARTMENT OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS) WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DEPARTMENT OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT (KUMARI MAMATA BANERJEE): (a) Yes Sir. 275 participants from 16 States were benefited the camp and have learnt about the history, culture and way of life of Mizoram by direct interaction.

(b) Yes, Sir. Proposals received in the Department from various agencies to organise youth camps are examined and approved every year. NSS, Bharat Scouts & Guides, Youth Hostels Association of India, State Governments and Voluntary Organisations have been conducting on an average about 200 such National Integration Camps every year all over the country, with grants-in-aid from this Department. It is proposed to increase substantially these programmes during the next Plan period 1990-97.

Privatisation of Telecom services

154. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news item under the caption "Telecom services may be privatised' which appeared in the 'Indian Express' dated 9th November, 1991; and

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P. V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) No proposal for handing over of Telephone services to private sector in bigger cities and towns on experimental basis has yet been condered.

Regarding Franchising of Value Added Services, the Department is making indepth study of the issue for further action.

Loss of Foodgrain in the country

155. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) what are the stages and the percentage of post-harvest losses of foodgrains in the country;

(b) what are the various measures taken by Government so far to disseminate the modern techniques to provide efficient storage management at farm level to prevent foodgrains losses and what are the results achieved; and